

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

First, FIG. 1 shows a pictorial diagram of a virtual color for giving a more specific description of the color specification method according to the present invention. A illustrated solid body 10 has a cubic (cube) shape with sides of equal length, with one ~~vertex 12~~origin point 12 as the origin point, three sides 14, 16, and 18 that are orthogonal to each other are an X axis, a Y axis, and a Z axis. In this way, the X axis, Y axis, and Z axis work together to form a stereoscopic, three dimensional orthogonal coordinate system with the ~~vertex 12~~origin point 12 as the origin point.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

As is apparent from this, the colors recognized by the solid body 10, specifically, the colors recognized by the plurality of first color specification plates 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, and 39 described above are able to express all the subtractive color mixtures using the three primary colors (cyan, magenta, and yellow). Particularly, by using transparency as the reference for the ~~origin point 10~~origin point 12, it is possible to express each color that is created using the subtractive color mixtures including the transparent color. Then, those colors can be specified uniquely using the numeric values of each density x, y, and z of the three primary colors of cyan, magenta and yellow, and quantitative display is possible.